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Salah Pasha Willing To Meet Eden

Paris, Dec. 13. The Egyptian Foreign Minister, Mohammed Salah el Din Pasha, said here today that he was prepared to meet with the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, at the latter wished to discuss the Anglo-Egyptian crisis during his Paris visit next week. Salah el Din Pasha leads the Egyptian delegation to the United Nations. Egyptian circles here said that Mr. Eden had proposed a Paris meeting with the Egyptian Minister during a talk in London on Tuesday with the Egyptian Ambassador, Abdel Fattah Amr Pasha. British quarters here could not confirm this but believed that Mr. Eden told the Ambassador of a new British desire for settling the dispute. Salah el Din said today that he had received no proposals. —Reuter.

PAKISTAN MEDIATION
Paris, Dec. 13. Authoritative sources said today that the Pakistan Foreign Minister, Sir Zafrullah Khan, had resumed tentative and informal mediation efforts between Britain and Egypt. "Contacts with both sides continue," a source close to the Ministry stated, but "strict secrecy was being maintained as the method of approach as well as the response—if any. Sir Zafrullah might discuss the issue with the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, here later next week.—United Press.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Egypt's New Opportunity

EGYPT'S decision to recall her Ambassador from London is not calculated to ease the tension in present Anglo-Egyptian relations. On the other hand it is little more than a gesture and does not constitute a severance of diplomatic relations between the two countries which, at one time, was threatened by the Cabinet in Cairo. The Egyptian Embassy will continue to function in London and immediate signs are that the British Ambassador will remain in Cairo. In fact the door is still wide open for the composing of Anglo-Egyptian differences by means of diplomacy and statesmanship. There will be general satisfaction in the moderate and inviting tone of Mr. Anthony Eden's declaration that he is willing to meet the Egyptian Foreign Minister for discussions in Paris—a suggestion to which Salah el Din Pasha has verbally given a promising response. Informal talks on this high level may well produce more satisfactory results than the exchange of Government notes through diplomatic intermediaries. Mr. Eden has been thoroughly briefed and his position is strengthened by the knowledge that Britain has a powerful moral case. Denials have come from Cairo that Mr. Eden has actually communicated new proposals to Egypt, but there is no serious reason to doubt that the British Cabinet has worked out a formula capable of settling the dispute to mutual satisfaction. Egypt has said she is not interested in the proposition made by the late Socialist Government that Britain surrender her Canal Zone rights held under the 1936 treaty provided Egypt identifies herself with the Middle East defence scheme. The only practical alternative, therefore, is for a new Anglo-Egyptian treaty to be concluded. Britain will not, and cannot, recognise Egypt's unilateral abrogation of the 1936 pact, not only because it

would gravely jeopardise her own interests, but because the very act is a denial of accepted principles which govern contracts made between nations. Whatever Egypt's aspirations, they are not to be realised by unprincipled and rough-shod methods reminiscent of Hitler and his Nazis. A new treaty, based on recognition of mutual rights and common interests suggests itself as the most appropriate solution to the existing impasse. But it would also have to take into consideration the future of the Middle East as a whole, and in particular the safeguarding of the territory from armed aggression. Only deliberate shortsightedness and bigotry can permit the Egyptians to remain indifferent to the peril in which the country places itself if it is not prepared to share in a common defence scheme capable of safeguarding the future security of all the Middle East. National aspirations must, to some extent, give way to international necessities of the day. In her own interests, and those of her immediate neighbours, Egypt cannot afford to create a vacuum that will deprive the Middle East defence scheme of its effectiveness. The current dispute involves not merely Anglo-Egyptian relations; there are much wider implications and dangers to be taken into consideration. If, up to the moment, the Egyptian Government has allowed itself to be swayed by emotional nationalism, the opportunity has not yet been lost for Nuhus Pasha and his colleagues to display statesmanship by making a new approach to the question of Egypt's future. There are reasonable and acceptable concessions to be made by both sides if the dispute is approached in the correct frame of mind. Britain has made it evident that she is willing to reopen negotiations on a new basis; the responsibility is Egypt's to make a reciprocal gesture.

Mr Lyttelton Replies To Barrage

Plane Lost In Fog

London, Dec. 13. A passenger aircraft got lost for two hours after it had landed safely. One of London's heaviest fogs was closing when the big plane landed. As the pilot taxied along the three-mile runway the mist grew so thick that he could not see his wing-tips. He braked to stop. The control tower ordered the pilot to stay put until ground crew could reach him and guide him in. Three towing trucks, two buses and a fire engine started out for the plane. Twenty minutes later they were lost in the fog. A second convoy was sent out to look for both the plane and the first convoy. —CHAMPAGNE PARTY

The pilot told the 35 passengers to stay calm. "We must be happy," he said. "There is plenty of champagne and brandy aboard." One hour and 10 minutes after the plane landed a searching motorcyclist found it. Everybody stopped celebrating. The motorcyclist confessed. "I've found you and lost myself."

The champagne and brandy went around again. One hour later the bus reached the plane. A radio equipped fire engine led it back to the terminal. Then everybody sat in the terminal for another hour and a half. Trucks sent to bring the baggage from the plane got lost in the fog too.—United Press.

COMPANY PAYS RECORD FINE

New York, Dec. 13. A trucking firm paid a record traffic fine of \$4,740 today. The charge for Harris Express Incorporated of Charlotte, North Carolina, paid the fine in the Manhattan Traffic Court to wipe off the books 467 tickets for illegal parking by its trucks since last April.—United Press.

US Diplomat Dismissed

Washington, Dec. 13. The State Department announced tonight that veteran diplomat John S. Service has been dismissed following a decision by the government's top loyalty review board that "there is a reasonable doubt" as to his "loyalty." In making this decision, the Loyalty Review Board of the US Civil Service Commission in effect reversed previous findings of the State Department's own Loyalty Security Board. The State Department's Board on at least half a dozen occasions over recent years has declared Service to be neither disloyal nor a security risk.—Associated Press.

Race Riots Sequel

4 Officials Indicted

Chicago, Dec. 13. A Federal Grand Jury investigating violent race rioting in suburban Cicero last July indicted four top village officials and three policemen today. They were accused of depriving Harvey Clark, Jr., 29, Negro bus driver, of his constitutional rights. Clark's unsuccessful attempt to move his family into an apartment in the all-white town of 70,000 touched off bloody rioting. The rioting, continued sporadically for three days, drew some 5,000 National Guard troops were called out to restore order. Twenty-three persons, including soldiers and policemen, were injured. The Federal indictment, containing two counts, also named 30 other Cicero policemen as co-conspirators, but not as defendants. They are not subject to trial. Each count carried a maximum penalty of \$1,000 fine or a year's imprisonment, or both.—Associated Press.

Of Questions

COVERS WIDE VARIETY OF LOCAL SUBJECTS AT PRESS CONFERENCE

For half-an-hour in the Council Chamber this morning, the Right Hon. Oliver Lyttelton, Secretary of State for the Colonies, answered a barrage of questions put by Hongkong newspapermen and foreign correspondents touching on constitutional reform, British recognition of Red China, local agricultural and fishing industries, reparations grant to the Hongkong University and housing, among other matters.

The Cabinet Minister was introduced by Mr J. L. Murray, Press Relations Officer, and was accompanied by the Hon. Hugh Fraser, Parliamentary Under-Secretary.

Of the grant of £1,000,000 to the University, Mr Lyttelton said that was generally stated that such a grant was only for the benefit of the rich. He declared, "I think that such judgment is extremely superficial. The training of more doctors and teachers in the Colony will help the poor in a direct way."

"The Government endowment will be largely used for scholarships which is the best way in which this comparatively small sum could be used," he added. "I think this is the wisest way to alleviate conditions on the human side some of the urgent matters in this Colony."

Replying to a question dealing with agricultural and fisheries industries in connection with financial assistance from the Colonial Welfare and Development Fund, the Secretary of State said that allocations had already been made and that was one of the reasons why he came to visit Hongkong. "When the matter comes up I shall at any rate be able to look at it with some knowledge," he said.

Mr Lyttelton was also asked a question regarding a report that the Colonial Welfare and Development Corporation had signed financial backing to a large co-operative housing scheme for Singapore run something on the lines of the Building Societies in the United Kingdom. He was also asked whether the Corporation would support a similar scheme here.

Mr Lyttelton: Your Latin must have worsened somewhat. Integral means an essential part. Another correspondent (interjecting): Mandarin is his language. (Laughter.) Asked about the political relationship with Communist China, the Secretary of State said that a good deal depended (Contd. on Back Page Col. 4)

CAN'T SAY MORE
The Minister replied that he had released a statement to the Press in Singapore and that was the most he could say at the moment.

An American correspondent asked that if Lord Montgomery were appointed, would it indicate a lessening of confidence to win over confidence of the Chinese civilians?

Mr Lyttelton: It is very difficult for me to answer a purely hypothetical question. I would hesitate to say how many Generals were Presidents of the United States in its history. The number is surprising.

A correspondent Mr Secretary, reading what you said in Singapore indicating that Mr Malcolm Macdonald was to be relieved and not to be reappointed.



This picture by a staff photographer shows the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the Hon. Oliver Lyttelton, flanked by the Hon. Hugh Fraser, Parliamentary Under-Secretary, and Mr J. L. Murray, PRO, at this morning's press conference.

"I am rather glad you asked that question," he replied, adding that the main object of the Corporation was the establishment of industries and its commercial undertakings which private enterprise could not, or might not be able, to undertake itself.

He declared it was not the object of the Corporation primarily to be a financial institution. Its capital was £100 million. He said that he had not seen any report of a housing project in Singapore.

Hongkong, said Mr Lyttelton, was one of the most lively commercial fields one could find and there would not be a large field for the Corporation here.

Opening the conference, the Secretary of State said he had not come to the Colony to talk but to see the position of the Colony and to try and gauge various trends of public opinion. "I am more anxious that you should ask questions than that I should make statements," he added.

Dealing first with Constitutional reform, Mr Lyttelton said that this matter was under sympathetic consideration and it meant just that. "One of the reasons why I am here is that when I get back I can consider this matter from first hand knowledge and not merely by studying by documents." Agricultural research and development was a matter on which consideration would be given. He had had an opportunity of seeing what the problem looked like from the ground but he had not carried the matter any further, he said. A correspondent then referred Mr Lyttelton to the report that the Prime Minister, Mr Churchill, had suggested the appointment of Field Marshal Lord Montgomery to be Supreme Commander in South-east Asia.

Mr Lyttelton: I gave no indication at all. At the same time, if General Eisenhower were to be appointed President would that be a sign that the country tended towards military dictatorship?

Questioned on the possibility of using Hongkong-trained Chinese as policemen in Singapore, Mr Lyttelton replied that it was mainly a question of getting help in training of Chinese police.

A correspondent then read out several questions regarding Hongkong as posed in a local editorial, and before enumerating them, asked Mr Lyttelton if he had read the editorial.

"You must indeed think I am a slow moving politician if I had not," replied Mr Lyttelton, with a broad smile. The Correspondent then asked about where Hongkong stood with relation to the British Empire and Commonwealth and if the Colony were attacked how far would it be defended?

INTEGRAL PART
Mr Lyttelton: I am going to make a statement at the Fair this afternoon answering a large number of these questions. Of course, Hongkong is an integral part of the British Empire and Commonwealth. I will speak this afternoon after having had full consultation with Mr Churchill and my colleagues. The American correspondent said a lot depended on the word "integral" which, from its Latin source, he took to mean upright and honest.

Wins Boy Scout VC



The Chief Scout has awarded the Cornwall Badge (the Boy Scouts' VC) to 17½-year-old Michael John Matthews who, despite losing the use of his legs has risen from a Tenderfoot to a 1st Class Scout. He plans to become a King's Scout before undergoing another operation in March. Picture shows the young man receiving congratulations after the award for the "plucky" way in which you have faced your long and serious illness had been made known.

Disarmament Plan Revised To Meet Soviet Objections

Paris, Dec. 13.

A revised Western disarmament plan, aimed at meeting some Soviet objections, was presented today to the United Nations Political Committee, which, however, adjourned until tomorrow without discussing it.

A British spokesman said the revisions were an effort to meet some of the Soviet objections disclosed in the "Big Four" sub-committee last week.

The adjournment until tomorrow, was proposed by Columbia and Peru because, they said, the General Assembly was meeting at the same time as the Committee.

The preamble of the revised draft contains a new paragraph in which the General Assembly reaffirms its desire "that the United Nations develop an effective collective security system to maintain the peace and that the armed forces and armaments of the world be progressively reduced in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter."

The new resolution concedes the Russian request that the new Commission to be created should be called the "Atomic Energy and Conventional Armaments Commission."

An American spokesman explained that the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Andrei Vishinsky, had objected to the name "Dis-

armament Commission" because he was afraid that it might be misunderstood as meaning total disarmament and not merely a reduction in armaments.

Another concession to the Soviet view is contained in the directives to be given to the new commission by the Assembly. Among these is one to prepare a draft report for the limitation and reduction of armaments "and for effective international control of atomic energy to ensure the prohibition of atomic weapons and the use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes only."

In the earlier draft the Commission was merely told that one of the primary objectives of the United Nations was to achieve effective international

control "to ensure the prohibition of atomic weapons." The new resolution spells out more clearly that it is the task of the Commission to incorporate the question of an atomic weapons ban in the proposed treaty.

The Commission is also directed "to determine how overall limits and restrictions on all armed forces and all armaments can be calculated and fixed."

This is less direct than the earlier draft which gave the Commission the clearer task of formulating overall limits on all armed forces and armaments.

The new resolution also stated that the Commission should prepare its first report by June 1, 1952.—Reuter.

Water Tank Bursts: 4 Killed

Tucuman, New Mexico, Dec. 13.

A huge water storage tank burst with blast force in this town of 8,500 population today, killing four residents and injuring three others and wrecking 15 buildings.

Water cascaded from the 3,000,000-gallon steel tank, flooding a two-block area and razing or damaging three warehouses, several business buildings and numerous houses.

Several railway workers reported that they saw a blue flash just before they heard the noise of the tank giving way.—United Press.

Reject Request

Capetown, Dec. 13. The South African Indian Congress rejected tonight the Prime Minister, Dr Daniel Malan's appeal for all-Party support of the Government's temporary withdrawal from the United Nations' General Assembly.—Reuter.

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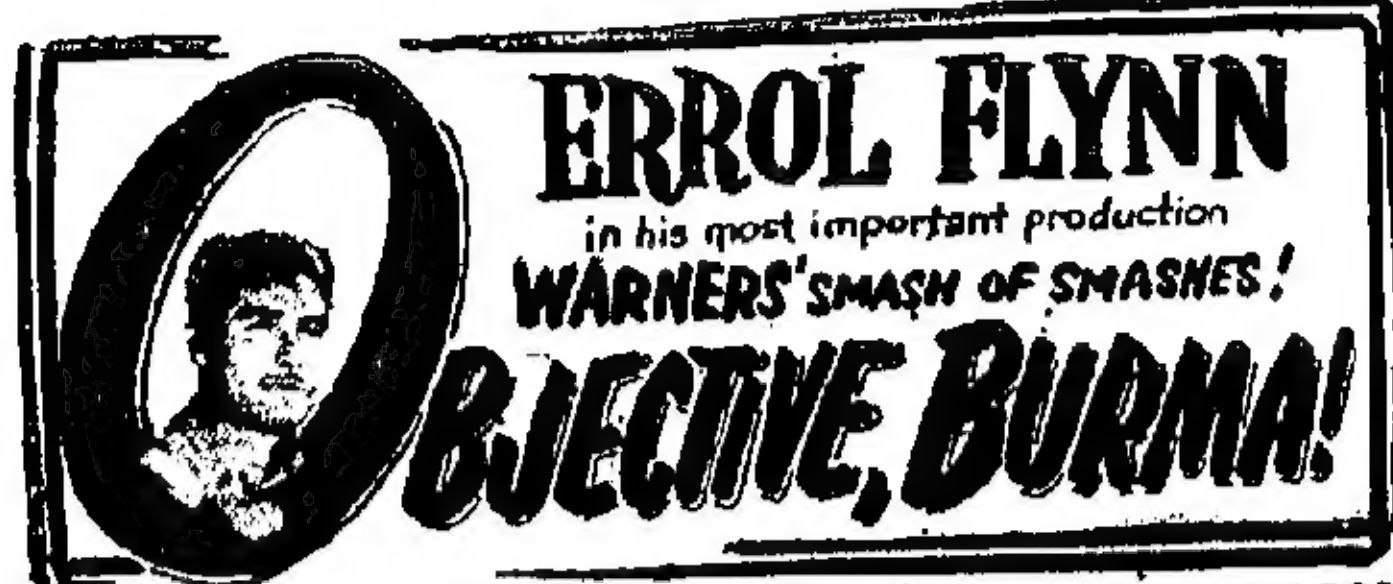
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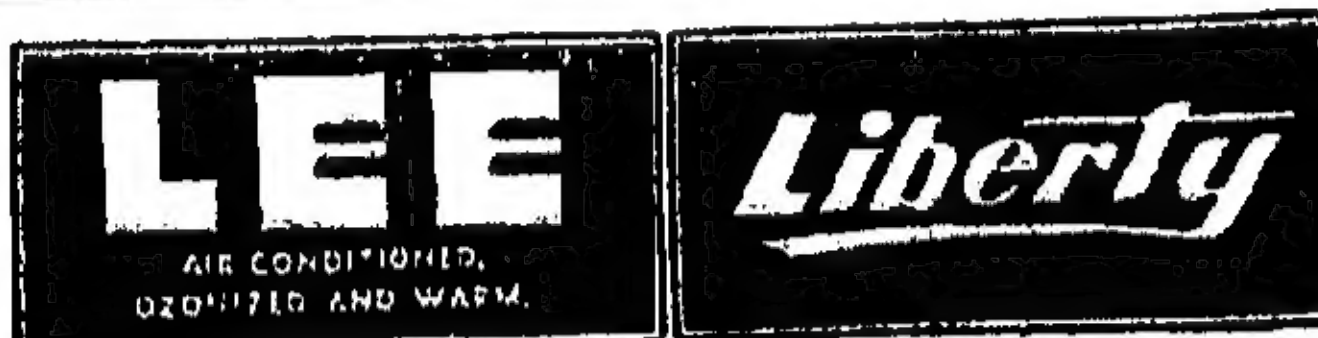
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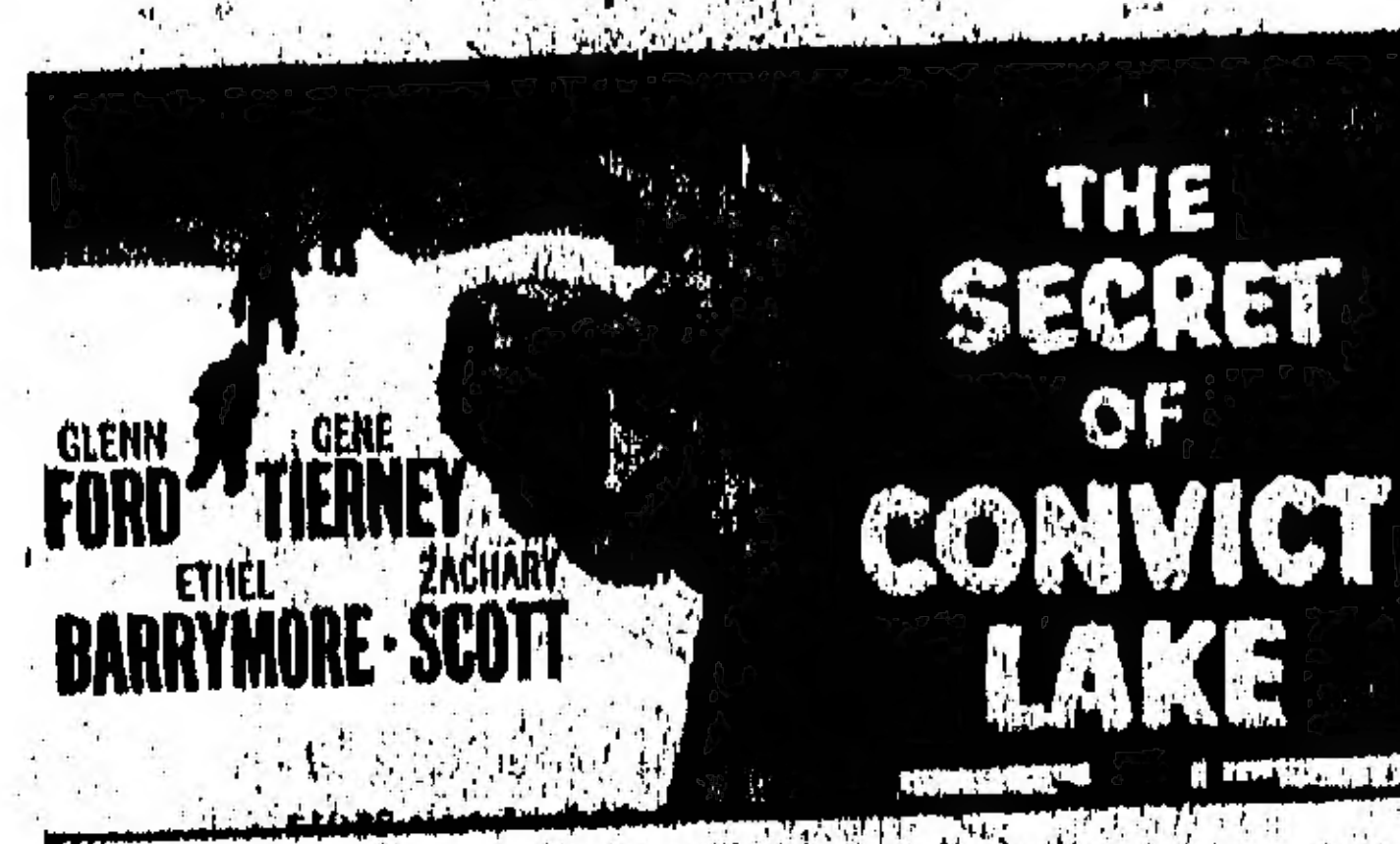
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Unamused by jet aircraft, Fire-can and Flame-out, muskets of a U.S. Air Force interceptor squadron on Okinawa, would rather be sleeping peacefully but are put on show for the camera by First-Lt Stephen J. Szabo, veteran of 31 combat missions over Korea, in the cockpit of his F-80 Shooting Star plane.—Reuterphoto.

BOGOTA CHARTER IN FORCE

Washington, Dec. 13. A hemisphere-wide treaty designed to maintain the peace and security of the 21 American Republics and providing for cooperative action in all fields, came into force today.

The treaty, known as the Bogota Charter, became the basic operating document of the Organisation of American States (OAS) at a special ceremony at the Pan-American Union when Colombia deposited the 14th ratification.

Ratification by two-thirds of the 21 American nations that signed the treaty at the Inter-American conference at Bogota in 1948 was necessary before it could become effective.

The charter is similar in intent to the United Nations Charter.

It lays down broad principles and methods by which the 21 American republics will cooperate with one another in maintaining peace under the Organisation of American States.

Canada is not a member of the OAS.—Associated Press.

ARP Lagging In America

Washington, Dec. 13. The American Municipal Association demanded today that Congress put up more money immediately to help the nation's cities defend themselves against possible atomic attack.

In a resolution adopted at the first session of its annual convention, the Association expressed the grave disappointment of city governments over the failure of Congress to provide for even the minimum civil defence needs of cities.—United Press.

Maid Admits Altering Star's Cheques

New York, Dec. 13. Tallulah Bankhead's former maid admitted, soon after she was arrested on larceny and forgery charges, that she had altered the actress's cheques bearing Miss Bankhead's name, a State witness testified today.

Bernard Dolgin, accountant on the District Attorney's staff, testified throughout the day in the fifth session of the trial of Mrs Evelyn Ramsey Cronin, 59.

A one-time vaudeville performer, Mrs Cronin was charged with stealing \$4,284.60 from Miss Bankhead by tampering with expense cheques which the actress signed.

Dolgin said under questioning that after her arrest Mrs Cronin admitted that she altered several cheques. One she increased from \$39 to \$139 and another from \$33 to \$233, he said.

Dolgin also testified that before the former maid retained her attorney, she had never accused the stage and radio star of spending any money for narcotics or sex. He testified that Cronin had been questioned seven or eight times by himself and the Assistant District Attorney, Joseph Stone, before she got a lawyer.

Miss Bankhead stayed in the wings today and did not make a single appearance. She deplored the trial of its customary excitement by remaining at her midtown hotel while opposing attorneys stole the show from her and her drab, motherly-looking ex-maid.

The attorneys exchanged sharp remarks throughout the day's proceedings and shouted at each other after the case was recessed.—United Press.

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Washington Preparing For Churchill Visit To U.S.

Truman Will Have Some Questions For Tory Premier

Washington, Dec. 13.

United States officials said today that they would have some stiff questions to shoot at the British Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, during his talks with President Truman next month.

Dismissing notions that there would be sideline observers during all the Truman-Churchill conferences, these officials said that the British statesman would be called on to explain, among other things, Britain's:

1. "Stand-offish" attitude to ideas that talks with Stalin would be worthwhile.—United Press.
2. Reluctance to establish a permanent Atlantic naval command.
3. Lagging coal production.

Mr Churchill would meet determined resistance to formal re-entrance into the World War II type of American-British boards on an early "Big Four" policy with the Russian Premier, Josef Stalin.

Further groundwork on the American side of the negotiations will be given priority by the Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, who returned to his desk today after a six-week trip to Europe to meet with high level Atlantic Pact officials.

UNFORTUNATE TIME
Administration is already finding it difficult to plan for the civil visit which many officials believe is coming at an untimely time.

The President welcomes a chance to talk with the British leader, they say, but Mr Truman is heavily preoccupied with domestic issues and the preparation of his budget and State of Union messages to Congress which reconvenes on January 8.

No one yet knows, for example, how it will be possible for arrangements to be made for Mr Churchill to address Congress during the busy opening days of the new session.

Advance preparations promise some back and forth talking between President Truman and Mr Churchill on these topics.

U.S. UNHAPPY
European Unity:—The United States is unhappy over Britain's reluctance to participate fully with continental nations, and Mr Churchill will be so informed.

This Government recognises Britain's interest in Commonwealth relations, but feels that the British should take a more active role in continental affairs in the interests of free world security.

North Atlantic Naval Command:—The United States favours the creation of this command while Mr Churchill is reported to be opposed to it. He also does not think that it should be under the command of an American admiral if it is set up.

SUSPICION FEAR
British coal production:—This Government thinks that Britain should increase its coal production for export to Scandinavian countries which are paying for delivery of coal from America or bartering with Communist Poland.

Greater British production would benefit Scandinavian countries and help Britain's financial problems, United States officials believe.

American-British boards:—The United States opposes the creation of any new bilateral groups of a formal nature on the pattern of the World War Two joint chiefs.

It feels that a revival of this formal arrangement would create suspicion and resentment elsewhere in Europe and that American-British co-ordination can be handled primarily within the present North Atlantic Treaty machinery.

Big Four:—This country does not go along with Mr Churchill's

CEMETERY SUED BY WIDOW

Sixty-five-year-old Mrs. John Rice, of Winnebago, Nebraska, filed suit in the District Court late yesterday against the Cemetery and S. K. Lyle and J. M. Gunnell, identified as officers of the Cemetery Association.

Mrs. Rice said that she had suffered "injuries and humiliation" last August 28 when the privately-owned cemetery halted the scheduled burial of her husband who was killed in Korea and cited a rule restricting burial to members of the Caucasian race.

The Army hero was eventually buried with honours in Arlington Cemetery.

Rice, the father of three children, was buried with full military honours on Sept. 5 on a hillside in Arlington Cemetery overlooking the nation's capital.

The grave of the Winnebago Indian is 100 yards from that of General Walton H. Walker, the Commander of the army he fought in.—United Press.

2,000th Air Strike In Malaya War

London, Dec. 13.

The Royal Air Force and the Royal Australian Air Force have made their 2,000th air strike against terrorists in Malaya, the Air Ministry announced tonight.

The air strikes, the Air Ministry added, have involved well over 10,000 individual aircraft sorties and have raided targets in almost all Malaya's States.

Since the first bandit-strike took place six days after declaration of Malaya's present state of emergency in June, 1948, the Air Ministry said, the Far Eastern air force had been almost completely re-equipped with more modern types of aircraft including Lincoln medium bombers, Brigand light bombers, Vampire jet fighters and Hunter piston twin-engined fighters.—France-Press.

Military "Fashion" Display



More than 130 items of clothing and equipment were put on show by the Ministry of Supply in London, showing the uniform developed for every climate in which a modern army may be called upon to fight. The range of uniforms copes with temperatures as high as 86 degrees and as low as 14 degrees. Here a model wearing "dry-cold" zone clothing is appraised by a young man who wears his own line of winter clothing.

Colonel, "Moral Casualty," Gets Prison Sentence

London, Dec. 13.

Colonel Thomas Gerrard Gore, 44, was dismissed from the Army and gaoled for two years by a court martial here today for receiving money from the sale of arms to Jews in Palestine and for other offences.

The sentence, as in all court martial cases, is subject to confirmation.

When the sentence was announced, Gore already at attention, stiffened, saluted and marched out.

His defending counsel, Melford S. Stevenson, told the court that he had become a "moral casualty" because he had been misled by "the scum with whom he came in contact."

Gore was flown home from Germany under escort to face the court.

Another officer, Major Ralph Newman, was cashiered in October for receiving £16,000 for selling arms to the Jews. He was also sent to prison for six months for cheque frauds.

Gore was alleged to have received £1,950 in cash and a car worth £250 and to have had debts of over £750 paid for him.

GENERAL TESTIFIES

Major-General James Dennyson, Gore's departmental chief in the Middle East during the war, spoke for him. He said that Gore was a first-class leader in war, but a "problem child" in peace.

Two of the three charges on which Gore was found guilty were of behaving in a scandalous manner unbecoming the character of an officer and a gentleman.

The first of these was that he arranged for Major Newman to pay £500 on his behalf into the account of a man to whom he gave money knowing that it would be part of the proceeds of the sale of stolen arms and ammunition.

The second was a similar charge relating to the sum of £278.

The third charge accused him of receiving £250 from Major Newman knowing it to have been wrongly acquired.

ROMULO GOING TO U.S.?

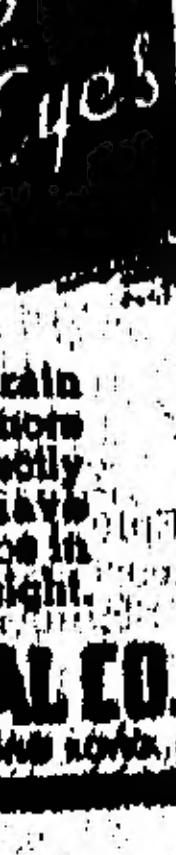
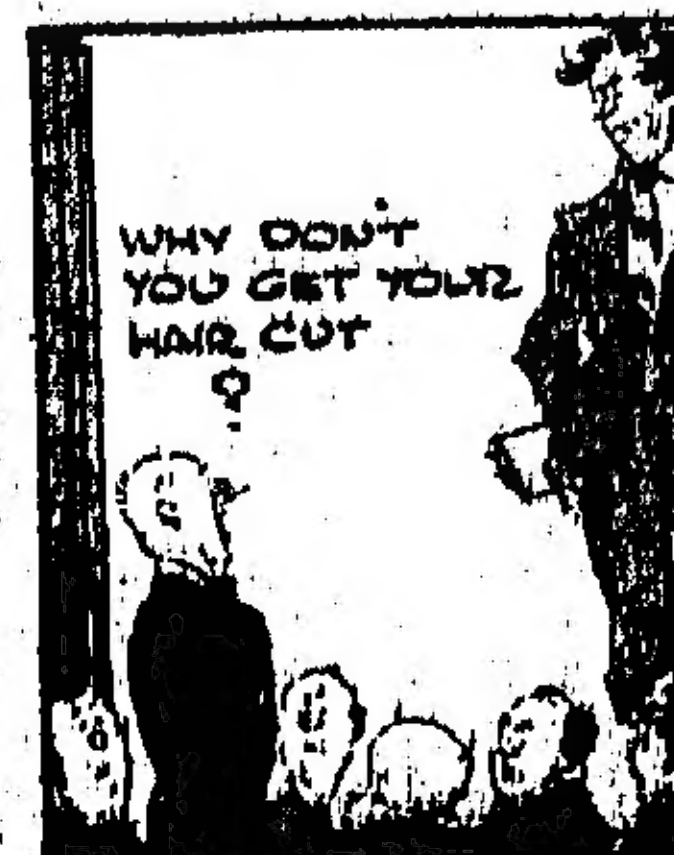
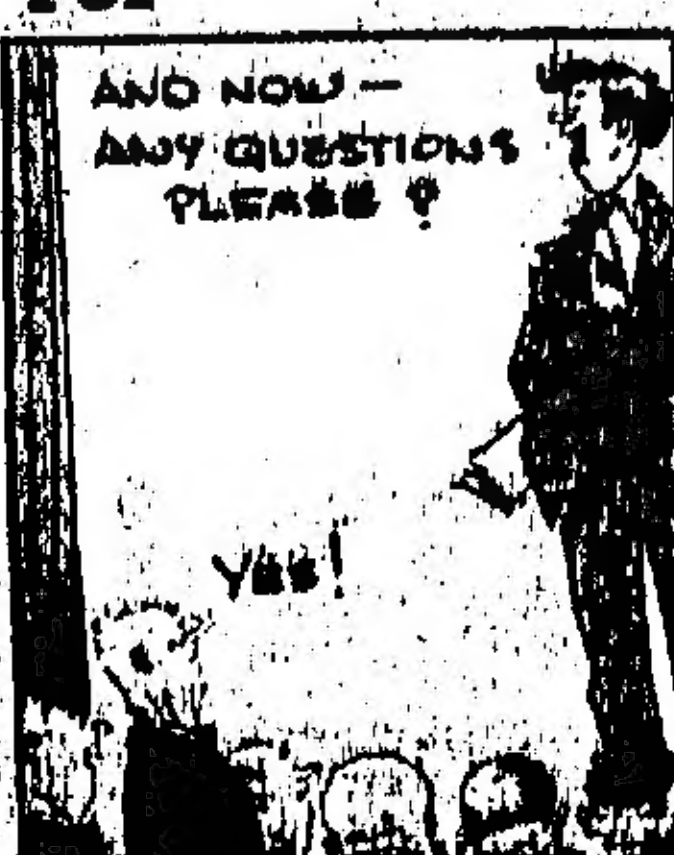
Paris, Dec. 13.

A Philippine source here said today that the Manila Government has decided to send Brigadier-General Carlos P. Romulo, now Foreign Minister, back to Washington as Ambassador. The informant declined to be identified by name.

(There have been previous reports from Manila that General Romulo, former Ambassador to the United States, would change posts with the present envoy, Joaquin Elizalde.)

General Romulo has been head of the Philippine delegation to the UN since the founding meeting of the international body in 1945. He attended the first two weeks of the current UN General Assembly here but returned to Manila at the direction of President Elpidio Quirino to discuss pressing problems at home.—Associated Press.

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NEW YORK. The important thing is, they still ask. When Mary walks down Fifth Avenue, people still turn and stare.

As for Sam Goldwyn—the man who in all his life never perpetrated a Goldwynism but who loves them as old Henry Ford loved cracks about the Tin Lizzie (for what could be better publicity?) Sam goes on unabated.

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WHAT'S GOING ON

After Miss Jennifer, who has the job?

SPECULATIVE topic in society just now: who will be PRINCESS MARGARET's lady-in-waiting when MISS JENNIFER BEVAN marries next year?

Several names are mentioned as candidates for this £500-a-year post.

Many think that the Princess may appoint two attendants.

These may be LADY ANNE COKE, daughter of the EARL and COUNTESS OF LEICESTER, and LADY JANE STEWART, who have frequently accompanied the Princess to theatres and parties.

Others tip LADY ROSEMARY SPENCER-CHURCHILL.

IF a married woman is preferred the choice may be between LADY CAROLINE GILMOUR or MRS RACHEL DOUGLAS HOME, wife of the playwright.

Unexpected candidate: MISS ELIZABETH JACKSON, who was described by MRS LEWIS DOUGLAS, wife of the former American Ambassador, as the "perfect secretary."

Cottage for sale
ACTRESS HERMIONE BADDELEY is selling her pink-and-green Belgravia cottage.

"Cost of living, my dear," she told me. "Though small, it seems to cost a fortune. I'll have to find a place just big enough to swing Primrose in."

Primrose is a spaniel.

After 45 years
CELEBRATING his 45th wedding anniversary, LORD BRABAZON gave me his rule for a happy marriage.

"A wife must be interested in her husband's work. Otherwise there is no hope. They must work together."

The Brabazons had a common interest in motor-ing.

Retort courteous
PAINTER SIMON ELWES has started a portrait of the DUCHESS OF KENT.

A brilliant raconteur, Elwes tells how once, when he was painting GENERAL SMUTS, he became depressed.

He threw down his brushes and ran out of the room crying: "I'm not the painter I'm cracked up to be."

Sitting on the verandah, MRS SMUTS looked up from her knitting and said: "Who cracked you up?"

Return to Scone
HERE is a reverse trend in the fate of the stately homes.

The EARL OF MANSFIELD tells me he is planning to return to historic Scone Palace, near Perth.

Once the home of Scottish kings, the palace is now a girls' school.

Nearby once stood the Abbey where the kings were crowned and from which the Stone of Destiny was taken to England.

SCONE was given to the earl's family—the Murrys—by James I of England.

They built the present palace at a cost of £70,000 in 1803-8. Then, in 1923, they moved out, leaving the furniture and paintings.

They were last in the palace for the 21st birthday of the heir, VISCOUNT STORMONT, last July.

Cost of polo
COWDRAY PARK, the Sussex home of LORD COWDRAY, was the centre of a strong revival of polo last season.

Now EARL BATCHELOR is planning a team to play in Chesham Park.

His brother, the HON. GEORGE BATCHELOR, tells me a season's polo costs around £50.

He is a member of the Oxford University team which last season paid £150 for a pony, £70 for keeping two mounts, £58 for transporting them, and £20 for equipment.

U.S. weighs in
EVERY May the mayor and councillors of High Wycombe are weighed in public. Now the custom has been transplanted to Minneapolis, U.S.

During his first trip to the United States, SIR ALEXANDER MAXWELL, head of the British Tourist and Holiday Board, will watch the first ceremony.

Man about house
LIEUTENANT GENERAL SIR FREDERICK BROWNING, Comptroller of the Household at Clarence House, works on strict military lines.

On duty he is always perfectly dressed down to the bow of his shoes, but his wife, novelist DAFFNE DU MAURIER, says he peters around his Cornwall home "most untidily" in old clothes.

An expert on heraldry, ancient romantic orders and military history, he helps with the background of her novels.

Ephraim Hardcastle

WHY CAN'T TRUMAN VISIT BRITAIN FOR A CHANGE?

By PETER KIRK

LONDON. WHY must Churchill go to Washington in January? Why cannot President Truman come to Britain instead?

These two questions are behind a growing public feeling that Britain is once again shortly going to do all the running on the Anglo-American front.

This feeling is increasing by the realisation that Mr Attlee visited Washington twice during his Premiership.

President Truman's only visit of this country, on the other hand, was a fleeting afternoon stop on HMS Renown in Plymouth Harbour on his way back from the Potsdam Conference as long ago as 1945.

When Congress is not in session, there are Presidential orders and proclamations to be signed, and the day to day business of Government to be carried on.

For, in the absence of Congress, he is the legislative as well as the executive power.

In fact, so important is the physical presence of the President, that his signature on a State document may not even be blotted. It must be allowed to dry naturally on the paper.

In this country the King is Head of the State, and very

rarely leaves the country, for he always has constitutional duties to perform.

In the same way, in France, the President is Head of the State, but there is also a Prime Minister, who is Head of the Government.

And if the King wishes to travel abroad, he can always name a Council of State to carry on in his absence. The President of the United States cannot even do that.

Yet this failure to travel to this country is not due to standoffishness on the part of the American leader.

It is due to the peculiarity of the American Constitution, which makes it almost impossible for the President to go abroad during his term of office.

For while the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom is only head of the Government, the President of the United States is head of the State as well.

As head of the State, he has certain duties to perform in Washington which only he can perform.

Even the Vice-President, who will succeed him in the event of his death, cannot perform them.

For instance, he must sign every Bill passed by Congress

within ten days of its being passed, otherwise it is assumed to be vetoed.

As a result, there has grown up a tradition in the United States that the President does not leave the country during his term of office. For over 100 years this tradition was rigidly adhered to.

When, in 1918, Woodrow Wilson travelled to Europe for the Versailles peace conference, the outcry in Washington against the trip was indescribable. And after that ill-fated mission, Presidential trips were in abeyance again until the Second World War.

Then, despite the overwhelming urgency of the war situation, and the fact that the development of air travel made it possible for messages to be sent back to his capital in an emergency, the President still experienced considerable difficulty in getting away to the Tōhoku and Yalta meetings.

So until the American Constitution is altered, and some of the burden is taken off the President, if the President and the United Kingdom Prime Minister want to meet, it will be the Prime Minister who will have to travel.

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Learn A Lesson From This Hand

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By OSWALD JACOBY

"We missed the boat, partner."

South said sadly when he

saw the dummy.

"I tried to get you to slam," North

replied. "On well, play it

quickly and maybe we'll have time

for another rubber."

Thus encouraged, South played

the hand quickly and found a

very easy way to go down at his

partner's hand. He had played the

hand too hastily, but this was a

poor excuse and he knew it. The

truth was that he had made the

same plays no matter how much

time he had taken.

West led the king of hearts, and

dummy ruffed with the deuce of

spades. Declarer promptly led the

six of spades from dummy, winning

with the ace. His next step was to

lay down the king of spades.

It all seems very natural, doesn't

it? Nevertheless, South has now

foolishly away his contract.

At best, South can ruff another

heart in dummy and begin on the

clubs. West can ruff the second

club, however, and South is stuck

with two losing hearts and two losing

diamonds and no way to get rid of

them. Down two on a hand that

was good enough for a hand.

What a disaster! It is very hard

to find even if you see all the cards

in actual play. In a thousand would make

the contract.

At the second trick, North leads

the six of spades, and East plays the

five of spades. South should not win

with a high trump, but should win

up the trick by playing his low

trump.

This remarkable play protects

declarer against a 4-1 break in

trumps. By giving up this trump

at once, South holds on to twelve

tricks instead of only eight.

West wins the second trick with

the nine of spades. This return

is a good defence as any

trump wins, ruffs a second heart in

dummy, and returns to his hand

with a diamond to draw the rest of

the trumps. The clubs then provide

the rest of the tricks.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:

North: 1 Diamond; East: 1 Spade; West:

1 Spade; South: 1 Spade; North:

1 Spade; South: 1 Spade; North:

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BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THERE is some criticism of the schedule for the promised fuel famine. It is asked why, if the crisis has been foreseen, nothing can be done to prevent it.

Just yesterday gave the answer in his own reasonable way. He said: "If the crisis could be averted, the schedule would be useless. But the work done on the schedule has been necessary for preventive measures by creating a potential state of overall preparedness, which will come into operation when it is too late to do anything but apply the schedule. This taken into account, in dealing with a state of marginal short supply, the time-lag which is an essential feature of all long-term planning. The schedule is elastic as such, and can be modified to meet contingencies after they have arisen, without prejudice to the conditions obtaining at the time."

Destructive Underachievement
A "HOME ONCE" children's expert" (and the other day) founded a hithe note on her trumpet. She recommended that children should be allowed "indulgence in destructive destruction." The example

YOUR BIRTHDAY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

BORN today, you have an analytical mind and enjoy arguing just for the sake of a debate. You probably would make a fine defence attorney. You also have talent as a private investigator. Your ideals are high and you are not one to compromise. You are or give in on any point when you yourself are convinced that you are absolutely right—which is most of the time.

You have a deep desire to be making money and contented and the world a better place in which to live. No matter how busy you are with your own affairs, you can always take time out to advise and help someone who is in need. And you are not the type to want credit or publicity for what you do.

Make there is another, easier side to your nature. This makes you enjoy the company of bright intellectuals. You retain nice clothes and beautiful surroundings as well as everyone else. You are friendly to all, you will have a lot of intimate friends who share your confidences. It is not likely that anyone will know if you are unhappy or depressed. You have the faculty of always being able to smile.

Although in youth, you may enjoy travel, you will want to have your own home and family as you grow older. You are not a "home flinger" and then settle down by your own fireside. Happiness and contentment should reward your marriage.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22) — Can't you two more Saturdays until Christmas? Make the most of it, if this is your only shopping day.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Business and some extra shopping to do. You must take up your time right now. Be alert to bargains, too.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Don't let your hot temper get out of control. Don't speak out in anger. Silence can be golden.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — If you want extra time over the Christmas season, now is the time to arrange for it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22) — He called to make an emergency trip out of town, be prepared for any possible crisis.

CANCER (June 23-July 22) — Be pleasant even if an unexpected guest turns up at just the wrong time. Your friends are always with you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) — Mid-month might be a good time to give your friends a holiday if you do.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Make sure your cards are ready to be posted. A last minute rush is not good!

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20) — This is a good day to show off your best qualifications for a new job you are looking for. You can qualify.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21) — Don't rely too much on impulse. Morning hours are best for finishing a tough job. Then, when afternoon comes, you can relax.

CROSSWORD

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2. Such a card must be carried. (6)

3. Irresponsible person. (6)

4. Sort of name not eaten. (4)

5. Twelve. (6)

6. One used in chess colouring. (6)

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SPRINGBOKS BEAT SCOTLAND



South Africa beat Scotland 44-0 in the Rugby International at Murrayfield. A. F. Dorward, the Scottish scrum half, is tackled by P. A. du Toit (S.A.). Also seen are J. C. Dawson (Scotland), W. Delport (S.A.), C. J. van Wyk (S.A.) and R. C. Taylor (Scotland).



P. A. du Toit (S.A.) gets away with the ball after P. Johnstone (S.A.) had been tackled by a Scottish three-quarter.

WEEK-END TEAMS

The following are Club selections for cricket, rugby and soccer matches over the week-end:

CRICKET

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon Cricket Club in the "Hancock" Shield cricket match against Hongkong Cricket Club at the Hong Kong Cricket Ground, on Saturday, December 15, 11 a.m.—S. V. Gittins, W. H. Colledge, W. M. Davidson, P. Bell, D. Henderson, A. B. Stewart, R. A. Layton, D. T. Nolan, R. G. Craig, A. McCallum, P. E. Wainwright, W. C. Wingo, M. Talamo, G. Lambert, J. Warner and C. Lochan.

RUGBY

Club 1st XV versus Royal Air Force at the Police Ground, Boundary Street, on Saturday, December 15, 3 p.m.—J. R. Henderson, S. M. Campbell, D. Henderson, A. B. Stewart, R. A. Layton, D. T. Nolan, R. G. Craig, A. McCallum, P. E. Wainwright, W. C. Wingo, M. Talamo, G. Lambert, J. Warner and C. Lochan.

SOCCER

Navy 1st XI versus St. Joseph's at Caroline Hill on Saturday, December 15, 4 p.m.—Ogden, Jones, Donohy, Cawley, O'Leary, Lashley, Mattocks, Blow, Kenny, Parry and McCarthy.

Badminton League Results

In the Men's "B" Division badminton league matches played last night, CCC beat Revere by 3-2 and Chinese Y beat St. John's 7-2.

Yao Kai-yip and Wong Kang-chow (CCC) beat J. A. Mott and A. A. Goncalves 21-10, 21-10. Xavier and B. B. B. beat St. John's 7-2. Yao Kai-yip and Wong Kang-chow (CCC) beat J. A. Mott and A. A. Goncalves 21-10, 21-10. Xavier and B. B. B. beat St. John's 7-2. Yao Kai-yip and Wong Kang-chow (CCC) beat J. A. Mott and A. A. Goncalves 21-10, 21-10. Xavier and B. B. B. beat St. John's 7-2.

Table Tennis Star At 16 And Now

ADRIAN HAYDON, AT 40, IS RECALLED BY ENGLAND

Forty-year-old Adrian Haydon, balding left-hander from Birmingham, has been recalled to England's table tennis team for the Swaythling Cup world team championships in Bombay next February.

Haydon, who has played in more than 100 international matches, first appeared in the England Swaythling Cup side in 1923 when he was 16 and still at school. He held his place until 1937 and has since been non-playing captain.

For England the Swaythling Cup is the most elusive table tennis trophy. Our women's team have won the Corbillion Cup, but we have produced two English-born world champions, Fred Perry (1929) and Johnny Leach (1949 and 1951). But we have yet to capture the men's team championship.

BEST EVER CHANCE

Next year, with a team comprising Leach, Richard Bergman, Aubrey Simons and Haydon, we have our best ever chance.

Haydon's recall will be criticised because promising young players like Mickey Thornhill and Jimmy Lowe have been overlooked.

When I told Haydon of this he said: "Naturally, the English Table Tennis Association could

not afford to send a large team to Bombay. I suppose they considered that I had held my form sufficiently to merit selection as a player rather than non-playing captain."

Haydon's consistency cannot be questioned. He was our No. 1 player at 17 and remained so until just before the last war. Only Victor Barna can match his playing record over such a long period.

FAMILY AFFAIR
But the Haydon table tennis story is a family affair. It goes back to the formation of the ETTA, in 1921. Haydon's father, Arthur, was one of the pioneers of the game and was Midlands champion when Adrian first played for England.

(London Express Service)

TODAY'S SPORT

BADMINTON

Men's "C" Division (Section 2): CYMCA v St. John's at CYMCA; Revere Blues v Jaguars at Revere; Talooka v Tytan "B" at Talooka.

MEETINGS

Royal Hongkong Golf Club Annual General Meeting at Hongkong Club, 530 p.m.

Grand National On April 5

London, Dec. 13.

Entries for the 1952 Grand National steeplechase at Aintree will close on January 1, officials of the race course announced today.

The race, regarded as the world's No. 1 jumping event, will be run on April 5. It carries an added purse of £25,000.

An Irish Hospital sweepstakes is based on the race—Associated Press.

Gothenburg Beat All-India 6-2

Shanghai, Dec. 13.

The All-India football touring team, were defeated by the Gothenburg Club of Sweden, 6-2, today. Gothenburg scored 4-0 at half-time—Reuter.

The 12th Race Meeting
DRAW FOR POSITIONS WILL BE OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE TOMORROW
Says "RAPIER"

The Twelfth Race Meeting will be concluded tomorrow afternoon and I have no doubt that glorious conditions for racing will again prevail, with another large crowd of racing fans turning out. There are eight events to be contested and the majority of these are sprint affairs, making a careful note of the draw for positions of paramount importance. Racegoers are reminded that the first saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. with the first race commencing at 2 p.m. sharp.

The contest for Championship honours among the jockeys has now reached an interesting stage and, with another meeting to go, keener competition prevails. Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE
Ripon Handicap: From 2 Mile Section)
Our Novice jockeys have this opening race of the day all to themselves and they will be called upon to take out Australian Ponies Class 3. Ponies that have won more than \$2,000 in stakes since January 1, 1951, are barred.

Forever Spring will be taken out by Mr C. A. Lee and will probably start favourite in view of its third placing in the Cheung Chau Handicap (Second Section) over the mile at the 10th Race Meeting with Mr K. F. Chiu up.

Mr Auchincloss will be riding Some Fun. This pony should not be ignored, as it is fast improving. Airfield (Mr Tseng) should not be left out altogether in spite of its previous disappointing performances as it is capable enough of winning.

Mr Lam King-ick will take out Priority and for those who are prepared to take a chance this combination may return a useful dividend.

SECOND RACE
Seymour Handicap (First Section) From 1 1/2 Mile Post.
In this sprint event for Class 3 Australian Ponies, the draw for position should be considered carefully. There are quite a few speedy animals among the entries.

Mr Renfrew will have the mount of Belle Fontaine. Mr Kwok will ride Easy Money and Mr Chuang will take out Liberty Ship. Shannon (Mr Ostroumoff) has been given top weight of 158 lbs. and on that account I am not placing much reliance on Shannon to win.

Chalky Bridge (Mr Holgate) should not be neglected although it disappointed at the 10th Race Meeting by refusing to start. This pony is fast over this distance and, if Mr Holgate can get it away to a good start, I think it will be very near at the finish.

The race will probably be fought out between Belle Fontaine, Easy Money and Liberty Ship, with Chalky Bridge as the most promising outsider.

THIRD RACE
Coronation Handicap (First Section) From 1 1/2 Mile Post.
This race is confined to Australian Ponies Class 4. Judging from the fact that it placed third in the Ping Chau Handicap (Third Section) from the 1-1/2 mile post at the 10th Race Meeting, Harvest Field (Mr Oliveira) is the likeliest winner.

While National Honour (Mr Kwok), which was officially fourth in the above race, is quite good over this distance and may have a say at the finish.

In view of Min's dismal failure in the above race, many will be chary of backing this pony. However, as it will again be taken out by Mr Ostroumoff it may redeem its previous failure over this distance.

The Hopeful (Mr Yen Ching-lan) will be carrying 137 lbs. less 3 lbs. for a novice rider, and is good enough to win as it is capable of lasting the full distance.

Harmony (Mr Robert Tsai) and Brivisto (Mr Samarq) are also dangerous and must not be overlooked.

FOURTH RACE

Clarence Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.
This race will be contested by Australian Ponies Class 2. Lawrence (Mr Kwok) won the Brighton Handicap (First Section) from the 1-1/2 mile post at the 9th Race Meeting and has gone up in weight by 8 lbs.

There is little doubt, however, that it can handle this extra weight and still win. The real danger, however, is Cooper (Mr Chuang), which is well suited over this distance and should command the most support.

Straight Flush (Mr Ostroumoff) is capable of winning and it will give the above two ponies a great run if it can get away from the gate quickly. A bad start will ruin its chances.

The Lioness (Mr Tsai) is remarkably fit at the moment and its recent morning gallops have been very convincing. It should be near at the finish.

As an outsider, I recommend keeping Big Shot (Mr F. Nooit) in mind.

FIFTH RACE
Seymour Handicap (Second Section) From 1 1/2 Mile Post.
This is another sprint affair in which the second section of Australian Ponies Class 3 will figure.

I don't think it is necessary to look further than Woodong (Mr F. Nooit) for the likely winner. It will be called upon to carry 152 lbs. tomorrow afternoon, but due to this short distance and the fact that it has won the Curragh Handicap (Second Section)—Six Furlongs at the 9th Race Meeting, I honestly believe that it is capable of shouldering the extra 14 lbs. and winning again.

The strongest opposition will come from Hongkong Slutz, which will be ridden by Mr Chuang. This pony is certainly very fit at the moment and may prove dangerous. A win from this combination is not impossible.

Lily (Mr H. C. Woo) should fill third place with Diamond Queen (Mr Chun Kit) as the outsider.

SIXTH RACE
Coronation Handicap (Second Section) From 1 1/2 Mile Post.
In this second section of the race for Australian Ponies Class 4 an interesting struggle should ensue.

My Darling (Mr S. W. Tang) came second in the Ping Chau Handicap (Third Section) from the 1 1/2 mile post at the 10th Race Meeting and seems to be the logical choice, but it must be remembered that it will be carrying 158 lbs. on that account alone.

So I cannot place much reliance on My Darling to win, and must put the spotlight on Ringwood (Mr F. Nooit).

Carrying a weight of 142 lbs., I feel that it will win tomorrow afternoon.

James (Mr Hsu) has been showing improvement in morning gallops and it will probably extend Ringwood's dominance (Mr A. Nooit) is not bad over this distance and can give the other ponies a good fight if it keeps up in the early stages of the race.

The same remark applies to Shun Lee (Mr Samarq).

SEVENTH RACE
Seymour Handicap (Third Section) From 1 1/2 Mile Post.
Australian Ponies Class 3 will contest this event, and the following should be worth watching—Merry Uncle (Mr T. L. Wong), Fairy Feet (Mr Oliveira), Atomic Power (Mr H. C. Woo) and Corrib (Mr Ostroumoff).

Merry Uncle won the Folkestone Handicap (Second Section) over this distance at the 9th Race Meeting and appears to be the logical choice. Can it still, however, win whilst carrying 162 lbs. and in this higher class of ponies? It ran very convincingly in the above race, so the extra 8 lbs. weight should not spoil its chances of winning again.

The danger will probably come from Fairy Feet.

This pony came second in the Curragh Handicap (Second Section) over six furlongs at the 9th Race Meeting.

Then there is Atomic Power to be considered as it is good over this distance.

Corrib can also be depended upon to give the others a fight if it can get off to a good start.

EIGHTH RACE
Clarence Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.
The Second Section of Australian Ponies Class 2 will battle out the finish in this last race of the day and judging from its win in the Wagon Handicap (Second Section) over the Champion distance at the 10th Race Meeting, Hurricane, which will be taken out by Mr Ostroumoff, should command strong support in the betting. I think it should account for this race.

It may, however, meet with stern opposition from Crackerjack (Mr Renfrew) which is speedy over a short distance.

Barberian (Mr Robert Tsai) is running well during morning training and should be considered.

Then there is Fire-glo (Mr Oliveira) which is fighting fit at the moment and can be depended on to make a fight of it.

My Love (Mr K. F. Chiu) and Lure Triomphe (Mr H. S. Chang) are also dangerous and must not be taken too lightly.

FA CUP—SECOND ROUND
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FUNFAIR GARDENS TO STAY

London, Dec. 13.

All the fun of the fair at the Festival Gardens in Battersea Park cost the British taxpayer more than £1,000,000.

But most of the 8,031,000 people who enjoyed the fun this summer were Londoners.

Mr David Eccles, Works Minister, gave this and other reasons in the Commons for giving the taxpayer a chance to get his money back.

The Bill extending the life of the fair and gardens for two and possibly five years was given unopposed second reading after Mr Eccles outlined Government plans for making a profit over the next two years taken together.

On the basis of 4,000,000 attendances the profit is expected to be £365,000. If 5,000,000 attend—the figure favoured by the amusement men—profit might reach £800,000.

The Minister added: "But I want to say this. When the taxpayer has got his money back the Government will think again about continuing in the amusement business."

"A Conservative Government would not have put money in an amusement park. We believe this kind of business is unsuited to public ownership and management and we had proof last spring that our principle is sound."

At the peak, 88 per cent of attendance were Londoners. Their attendance figure never fell below 70 per cent of the total. About 25 per cent of visitors were from the provinces, and five per cent from overseas.

Gross revenue was £1,271,000. When operating expenses of £1,466,000 were deducted, trading profit was £805,000, equal to 43 per cent, on the aggregate of capital expenditure and liabilities.

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America Planning To Increase Wool Production

Washington, Dec. 13.

The Agriculture Department is to promote an expansion of the United States sheep population in 1952 to reverse the long decline in numbers and thereby increase domestic wool production.

An official publication said, "An increase in sheep numbers is highly desired in order to increase the output of domestic wool and meat. Wool is one of the strategic items required for defence purposes."

The Government will support the price for the U.S. wool clip in 1952 at 30 per cent of the parity price for sheep wool. The parity price is an artificial figure, depending upon the ratio of farm products to the prices which farmers pay for cost factors.

United States sheep numbers in 1951 were only about four per cent of the world total. Consequently, a moderate increase here would not have an extraordinary effect on the international wool trade.

The Agriculture Department estimated world sheep numbers in 1951 at 761,700,000 as follows: North America 3,000,000; Europe 118,000,000; Soviet Union 96,000,000; South America 124,300,000; Africa 32,700,000; and Oceania 152,900,000.

The Department's policy to expand sheep numbers in the United States is supported by an analysis of the United States international wool trade during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1951. This publication showed a sharp decline in wool exports, a heavy increase in wool imports, and an undervaluation of imported apparel wool and a decline in valuation for carpet wool.

IMPORTS UP

Exports of wool from the United States declined in volume from about 11,000,000 pounds in the fiscal year of 1949-1950 to less than 1,000,000 in the fiscal year of 1950-51.

U.S. imports of apparel wool increased in quantity from 365,000,000 pounds to 476,000,000 and because of higher prices, the valuation increased from \$220,000,000 to \$427,900,000.

United States imports of carpet wool declined quantitatively from 269,000,000 to 231,000,000 pounds, but the valuation increased from \$99,770,000 to \$170,800,000, or 71 per cent.

The Department commented, "With the higher price situation, carpet makers have been reducing or eliminating wool from their products. There were some declines in raw wool prices toward the end of the fiscal year and some carpet makers reduced prices."

MORE SUBSTITUTES

In reference to apparel wool during the last fiscal year, the Department commented, "During the past season of higher wool and cotton prices, the demand for raw wool was affected by buyer resistance, and a further shift in the use of substitute materials such as rayon, nylon and orlon."

Since the beginning of World War II, over 60 per cent of

Economic Talks In Tokyo

In Indonesian delegation headed by Economics Minister Eddy Djandana will leave for Tokyo tomorrow to negotiate a trade agreement with Japan. The delegation expects to remain in Japan for at least three weeks. Main points of discussion will include war reparations, fisheries, air and sea communications.

There is a possibility that Indonesian-Japanese trade will be dealt with. An economic delegation returned here from Tokyo last month without reaching any agreement.—Associated Press.

Failure Of American Tin Mission

Singapore, Dec. 13.

The American tin mission which toured Malaya has tried unsuccessfully to buy tin from Indonesia during a "hush" visit, according to well-informed sources here today.

The sources said that the mission, which returned from Indonesia this week and left almost immediately for the United States, had denied that it had intended to visit Indonesia.

"The Indonesians gave evasive answers and there is nothing definite as a result of the talks."

The United States has not bought Malayan tin since the beginning of April this year because of a price dispute.

Britain has already taken more than 11,000 tons of Malayan tin this year while the balance has been taken by Canada, Italy and other countries.—Reuter.

LONDON MARKET

London, Dec. 13. Prices of tin were steady this morning. Turnover was 80 tons, including five tons for cash.

Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:—

Spot tin, buyers	92 1/2
Spot tin, sellers	93 1/2
Business done at Three-months tin, buyers	91 1/2
Three-months tin, sellers	92 1/2
Lowest bid at Settlement	93 1/2

United Press

Grain Prices In Chicago

Chicago, Dec. 13. Prices of grain futures closed today as follows:—

Wheat—price per bushel	
Spot	2.08 1/2
December (1951)	2.08 1/2
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